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31 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Text of DECI's Amendment to CIA-USAF Treaty on Project  
OXCART

25X1A9a 1. Recalling our discussion of 29 December in which you inquired regarding the text of General Cabell's suggested amendment to the OXCART treaty, I have obtained from [REDACTED] a copy of the wording which goes as follows:

"In view of the security aspects of this Project, it is important that maximum practicable compartmentation be maintained in both CIA and Air Force Headquarters. Compartmentation should include provisions for logical, innocent explanation of the activities involved."

25X1A9a 2. The above text would be inserted as paragraph 5 of the treaty, using the draft copy dated 9 November 1959 as the basic document. While I have been advised that Generals Estes, Struther, and Montgomery have signed off on the draft treaty minus the Cabell amendment as of 1 December 1959, [REDACTED] says that no one as yet has viewed the Cabell amendment or voted on it. The assumption is that [REDACTED] will attend to this upon his return. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 3. In connection with the incorporation of a sentence dealing with CIA's security responsibility in Project OXCART, I have informally proposed to [REDACTED] and now suggest informally to you, that the following sentence be added to paragraph 2. a. (3) of the 9 November draft:

"Primary responsibility for overall security of this Project shall rest with the Central Intelligence Agency."

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has indicated his feeling that the addition of the sentence in the place indicated would not represent a major substantive change and is

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desirable in view of the specific mention in another paragraph of Colonel Geary's security responsibility as it affects the Department of Defense.

4. In line with the above, your concurrence in the text provided in paragraph 3 is requested.

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Acting Chief, DFB-DD/P

Concurrence Paragraph 4:

(sgc) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

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